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~~10~~ said superabsorbent material has an MAUL value of not less than about 20 g/g; and  
said superabsorbent material has a Tau value of not less than about 0.8 min.

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**Remarks**

The claims have been amended to provide adequate coverage for Applicants' contribution to the art, and to expedite the prosecution of the present application. New claim <sup>35</sup> 36 corresponds to original claim 3 rewritten in independent form. A **Version Of Claims With Markings To Show Changes Made** is enclosed and made a part hereof.

In view of the amendments, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of Applicants' currently presented claims are earnestly solicited.

Please charge any prosecutorial fees which are due to Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. deposit account number 11-0875.

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Respectfully submitted,

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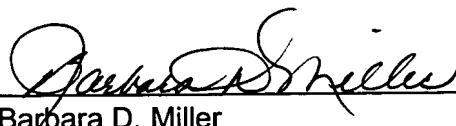
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Enclosure

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I, Barbara D. Miller, hereby certify that on September 26, 2001, this Amendment is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to: Box AF, Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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**Version Of Claims With Markings To Show Changes Made**

3. (canceled)

35. (new)

36. (new)

37. (new)

38. (new)

39. (new)